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All sorts of stories are being told now about the fruit being killed. Peaches are gone, cherries are gone—all are gone. Possibly the canned fruit may pull through.

It was ungracious to discuss Hanna's successor before the life was scarcely out of his body. The rush for place is such that there is little decency left in such matters.

If England manages to keep out of the fight in the Orient the present indications are deceptive. Russia truly has troubles of her own. It does not pay for a nation to be a hog any more than for an individual.

The ruler of Korea appears to be merely a bystander in the scrimmage between Russia and Japan. The battles are fought on his territory but he has nothing to say. He would doubtless be willing to trade off his job to any one who would like to play the part of an innocent spectator. The fate that usually befalls the on-looker is likely to be his. When the war is over Korea can take an inventory to see what she has left.

The famous Pokin correspondent of the Times, who has a genius for obtaining inaccessible information, has succeeded in procuring a "corrected list of the Russian military force in the far East" which is calculated to make the world marvel more than ever at the presumptuous folly of those Russian statesmen or soldiers who are responsible for the present crisis. According to this estimate—which comprises all the troops east of Lake Balkal in Siberia and Manchuria, the guards of the whole of the Manchurian railways, as well as the railway between Vladivostok and Khabarovsk, the guards of the Amur River and the garrisons at Vladivostok, Posset Bay, Dalny and Port Arthur—Russia's total paper strength in this vast region is only 3,115 officers, 147,470 men and 266 guns. Moreover, we are told to read these figures bearing in mind, first, that the line of communications between Manchuria and Western Siberia "consists of a single line of lightly constructed railway"; secondly, that the Manchurian Railway traverses 1,555 miles of unfriendly country, whose people may conceivably regard the Japanese as liberators, while thirdly, these numbers represent the full war strength, "and assume not a single man is sick or absent, nor a single gun disabled." The naval position of Russia is summarized in the significant statement that all the Russian fleet, with the exception of four armored cruisers which are at Vladivostok, is now lying at Port Arthur, "weighed in a confined harbor or rather basin, with only one dock available for repairs."—National Review.

## WHY SUCH HASTE?

The strenuous efforts in some quarters to bring out a republican candidate for congress in Macon county seeking the aid of an opposition paper to aid them in accomplishing it strikes a republican who is in normal condition as somewhat queer. While there is no reason why a candidate may not come out whenever he pleases this precipitate haste on the part of some republicans to get somebody into the field at once has the appearance of having some ulterior purpose as a motive. What would there be for a Macon county candidate for congress to do if he came out unless he came out in the interest of some faction? Who would he run against? Would it be his purpose to make a canvass of the district? Every other county has one or more candidates of its own except Moultrie, DeWitt and Shelby. He could not get Shelby or DeWitt to commit themselves, because they are interested in the success of their candidates for governor and while either one might be willing to use the candidacy of a Macon county man for congress to aid them in their ambitions to one suspects that they would use their candidates for governor to pull the Macon county congressional aspirants' chestnuts out of the fire. A few cold practical facts like these make this undue haste to commit some one to the announcement of his candidacy look very suspicious. If a Macon county man becomes a candidate for congress in a legitimate way, free from suspicion of any alliance with any faction or with any gubernatorial candidate there is no doubt that all republicans will accept him and the delegates elected by the county convention whether Warner or Hamlin controls that convention will stand by him, loyally. As The Herald understands the situation the contest in this county for the delegates, who shall compose the county convention, is between Warner and Hamlin, two gubernatorial candidates and between candidates for state senator, should there be more than one, but a Macon county candidate for

congress, unless there were more than one candidate, which is altogether unlikely judging from the efforts necessary to get the consent of any one to be a candidate, could not make a contest for want of an opponent. Of course if the Hamlin people and the Warner people each had a candidate for congress there might be something doing.

## CONGRESSMAN PROPOSITION.

The Herald, recently referring to the claim raised in some quarters that now is the time for Macon county to snatch the nomination for congress, pointed out the difference between a real desire, based upon the importance of the county in the district, to secure the nomination for congress, for the sake of the county, and raising a clamor in favor of a home man for congress in order to promote the interests of a gubernatorial candidate in the county. The one is legitimate and honorable. The other is factional, disturbing and dangerous and practically at once puts the nomination of a Macon county man for congress out of the question under any contingency. In the first instance all the republicans of the county would be heartily for its man. In the second instance he would be represented only by a faction of the party and his acceptance by other counties in the district, under such conditions if the interest of the party were consulted, would be deemed inadvisable.

The democratic organ published in this city has recently been very enthusiastically in favor of a Macon county republican for congress. This fact to thinking republicans has its meaning. It demonstrated in 1898 its real desire to have a congressman from Macon county. That year Hon. I. R. Mills was nominated for congressman by the republicans. Mr. Mills was in every way qualified for the office yet it did all in its power, as we all remember, to defeat him and for whom? A Sangamon county man. So republicans must look deeper than the veneering of this new repository of what are the best things for republicans to do for Macon county. Its policy has been uniformly to promote division in the republican ranks by advocating men and measures which gave most promise for such results. Every year it has been at this business in every county, township and city election. The rabbit it is out gunning for is democratic success. It can accomplish its purpose in but one way, namely by promoting discord in the republican ranks. It knows its business along these lines thoroughly. It has managed in the past to mislead some republicans but up to the present it has signally failed to mislead enough of them to serve its purpose, yet nevertheless it continues to be persevering.

While The Herald recognizes the fact that the importance of Macon county entitles it to a right to be heard in the matter of its claims to have the congressman it has taken no part in the clamor that now is the time for Macon county to grab the congressman. The situation is such that to take this matter up now simply endangers any chance Macon county may have. There are two candidates for governor from this congressional district, Col. Warner, our present congressman and Hon. H. J. Hamlin. It is well known to those who understand politics that part of Mr. Hamlin's strategy is to promote the bringing out of congressional candidates in every county in the district and in this way enlist an anti-Warner following. He has succeeded in several of the counties. While the promise was held out in each individual county that now is the time to get a congressman behind it, all Mr. Hamlin's interests were paramount, and the candidate for congress brought out in that way is slated as part of Mr. Hamlin's combination.

If any further evidence is needed to show that the purpose is not to promote the chances of any county to secure the congressional nominee but to promote Mr. Hamlin's chances to carry the county we have it at home. Within a short time, so The Herald is authentically informed, some of Mr. Hamlin's friends in this city endeavored to induce a prominent republican to consent to be a candidate for congress and at once announce his candidacy in the democratic paper which he was too wise to do. Those who made the proposition know full well that such a movement would undoubtedly ruin the chances of any republican congressional aspirant by arousing promptly strong opposition to him while at the same time it would hurt Hamlin because that particular opposition would force the congressional aspirant to align himself with the Hamlin following. Any movement of that kind would be hailed with delight by any democratic paper because it would mean the opening of the way for the election of a democratic congressman from this district. In that event the local organ would as soon forget that Macon county ought to have the congressman as it did when Hon. I. R. Mills was the republican nominee.

Some may wonder why the proposition was made to make the announcement from the camp of the enemy. The only answer is that it is known that The Herald is not in favor of the policy of trying to get a congressman from Macon county through a factional row at home. It believes that Macon county goes after the congressman it must go in with the loyal support of all republicans whether they favor Warner or Hamlin for governor. The Herald does not wish to be understood as alleging that all the candidates for congress in all the counties in the district have been brought

out for Mr. Hamlin's benefit, because there are some who are candidates without reference to the gubernatorial contest. Nor does it wish to be understood as ascribing Mr. Hamlin's methods. It only warns the republicans of Macon county for the party's sake not to be led into a suicidal method of trying to get a congressman.

## DRAPER AND HIS SALARY.

President Draper has been offered the office of commissioner of education of New York. The incidental fact may be mentioned that it carries with it a salary of \$9,000. President Draper now gets \$7,000 as president of the University of Illinois. He has made much of his position. The institution has been transformed until it occupies a foremost place among American educational forces. In the agricultural department much has been done toward making real progress in scientific farming. The researches that have been made into the culture of corn, the fertilization of different varieties, the elimination of unfertile stalks, the raising of different kinds of cereals, for the greater production of either starch, oil or gluten have given the production of our great cereal an enormous boom. By these efforts we are promised that the yield per acre throughout the corn belt may easily be doubled without any loss and without any additional labor. The difference of \$2,000 in salary is but a trifle when compared to a certainty in this great place and an experiment which must go with his successor. No doubt the board of trustees fully appreciates this and will see that New York does not entice Dr. Draper away by superior inducements.

## IN TOO MUCH HASTE.

The city council should refuse to be stampeded by the demand of any corporation for a franchise. The demand of the Western Union on Monday evening was presumptuous and little short of an insult to an intelligent body of men who have public interests in charge. Ald. Hunt wanted to take a 20-minute recess to examine a franchise ordinance. To this Ald. Filibure properly responded "it's no fault of ours if they put it off until the last minute and then come in and want an ordinance passed."

Very true. No franchise for granting the street should be railroaded through the council. There should be ample time for the alderman and citizens to know exactly what the proposed grant means. There is little doubt if on next Monday evening the council needs further time to investigate it will take it.

## AN HONEST MAN.

The day of miracles is not passed. John F. Shafroth, a member of congress from Denver, Colorado, has voluntarily withdrawn because in a contest he discovered that frauds had been committed which gave him his seat. The committee had not reported and there was no certainty that he would be ousted. As soon as Mr. Shafroth discovered that the title to his seat was tainted with fraud he arose in the house where he had sat for eight years and asked the committee to give the place to the rightful owner. The frauds were not committed to assist Mr. Shafroth but he was the beneficiary. The committee exonerated him from either procuring his seat by fraud or having knowledge that it had been done. This is the proper spirit. Mr. Shafroth goes out of the house a much greater man than when he entered.

## NEVER INTENDED TO.

A well-known Russian officer, who has spent most of his life in the Far East, who has had intimate personal relations with Admiral Alexieff, and is in a position to know the real views of the higher Russian authorities with regard to Manchuria, Korea, and Japan, said over a month ago in reply to questions put to him by a friend, "No; we did not intend to evacuate Manchuria; and who ever supposed that we would? We made certain conditional agreements, it is true, but they were only diplomatic promises, and never really amounted to anything. Our interests in the Far East are too important to be sacrificed at this stage of the proceedings, and we shall stay there, even at the risk of war with Japan. The Japanese lost their best chance two years ago. They were then much stronger than we were, both at sea and on land, and if they had attacked us at that time they might have made us a lot of trouble; but now the conditions and chances are more equal. We do not, however, underestimate their offensive power. I saw the Peking campaign; I know the Japanese well, from long intercourse with them, and it is my judgment that they surpass us in every respect save one in organization they are far ahead of us; their commissariat, their transportation facilities, and their hospital service are much better than ours; they are equal to us in fighting capacity, and they excel us in quickness of movement and mobility generally but they haven't our endurance and staying power. They will fight splendidly at first, but they won't last, and if it comes to a struggle we shall wear them out. Do we want Korea? Of course we want it, but whether we shall get it now or not remains to be seen. Dalny is not a satisfactory port, and we hope to obtain a better one further south; but we can wait a while for it if necessary. We shall not fight now unless we are forced to do so by an aggressive movement on the part of Japan."

## A CHANCE FOR HARMONY.

Mr. Bryan as a harmonizer in attempting to secure in advance of the St. Louis convention a satisfactory platform puts himself in a new light.

He offers \$100 in gold, silver, or paper, for a platform upon which ten democratic newspapers which he names, and which represent as many sections of the country, can agree. If they can not agree, he offers a "proportionate sum" for a platform upon which any two of them may agree. If no two can agree, he will pay \$10 to any one of them that will prepare and print a platform satisfactory to itself, provided it be not claimed on publication by a republican newspaper as a republican document. Finally, he offers \$5 extra to any one of the said papers which will secure a letter from either Mr. Cleveland, Mr. Gorman, or Mr. Parker indorsing all of the platform proposed by it.

Here is a "harmonizer" with a cash consideration. It ought to produce a miracle because it would take that to get any two democrats to agree to anything.

When the war with China closed and Japan had crushed her enemy "the powers" told the victorious Jap to "keep out of Manchuria and he did. The present war is the consequence of the intermeddling of the other European nations. England was one of the powers that forbade Japan from entering into rightful possession of the fruits of victory. Russia has attempted by stealthy aggression to possess Manchuria. To this England strenuously objected, and is an ally of Japan. Germany objected also. If the powers had seen to the end of their noses they would have discovered that Russia was anxious to possess what had been denied Japan. The latter's occupation would have been harmless while Russia's would have upset the Orient. Nations are sometimes as short sighted and foolish as individuals.

The statement is made that the Western Union extension will not increase the number of poles in the streets. The abandoned poles of the telephone company can be used. This should not be permitted. No new wires should be strung overhead. They should go underground. One of the necessities is that all wires should be buried in granting any extension to the Western Union or any other company the condition should be made that all wires go underground. The dangerous overhead wires should go.

The czar has offered a prayer for the success of the Russian troops. If he is no more sincere in this than his frequent declarations about the evacuation of Manchuria the prayer will avail little. One thing is sure; men have little faith in Russian sincerity in anything where a few miles of territory are involved. The Lord knows the czar's heart better than men do and will answer or not answer his prayer according to the right. In the meantime war vessels and battalions will be handy things to have around while the plucky little Jap is going after Russian scalps.

The chamber of commerce made no mistake when it named John A. Montgomery as chairman of the committee for making this city more beautiful. Mr. Montgomery and his excellent committee have some very practical ideas about brushing up and beautifying the city. They made a good report and it was adopted. Before the summer is over strangers who visit us will exclaim "Delightful Decatur."

City Attorney Latham showed wisdom in refusing to give an opinion on an ordinance without ample time to read and thoroughly understand it. The Western Union ordinance was carefully and no doubt skillfully drawn to favor the telephone company. Mr. Latham very properly declined to pass upon it until he had been given time to read and study it. Representing the interests of the city he could not do less.

Russia is looking for a loan of \$200,000,000. The farmers of Central Illinois could come about as near accommodating her as any one but would be a little shaky on the security offered. The Rooseveltian good times are putting the farmers in a very comfortable position. Russia is rather poorly equipped to fight the alert and omnipresent Jap.

The ordinance for use of street car tracks now down by the coming interurbans and for a small stretch of new track on North Water was presented Monday evening with the expectation that it would go over for thorough consideration. The new track on North Water street looks like the line to Bloomington is in contemplation. May it speedily come. If McKinley takes hold it will go. The Knight scheme is evidently a dream.

That Bedford, Ind., teamster who talked to "knowensome" is in jail for being so smart. He knows less now. He may not have murdered Miss Schaefer nor been party to it but it is as well to teach him to keep out of affairs that do not concern him.

But four men have dared to oppose the Panama treaty openly. Yet under the absurd rules of the senate Gorman, Morgan, Bailey and Tillman have been able to delay this great world's work for several months. When the people elect senators things will be different.

Yates has broken the solid-north-end-of-the-state-for-Lowden argument by capturing Carroll county. Things may come easier for the governor up that way now that the ice is broken. Still his troubles are many in other sections.

With both Russia and Japan accepting the American proposal to limit the stage of war to Korea and Manchuria

the danger of other powers being involved is materially lessened. If China is to remain unbroken there is nothing for other nations to mix in for.

Another ship canal is proposed. This time it is across the upper end of Florida. It would save hundreds of miles in reaching points in the Gulf of Mexico and the Panama canal. Congress is asked to appropriate \$25,000 for preliminary surveys.

The strange suicide of Millionaire Brewer Lemp at St. Louis shows that money counts for little after all. Grief over the death of his son is thought to have unbalanced his mind. His many millions availed nothing in the hour of his grief.

Peary is trying to raise \$150,000 or \$200,000 for his seventh trip to find the north pole. His six fruitless expeditions do not discourage him. He thinks the seventh may be the charm. It will be a cold day when Capt. Peary reaches the north pole.

There can be little doubt about the right of the city council to refuse to grant the Barber license. If all licensees are in the control of the city surely it has the discretion to refuse one when the public good demands it.

Grand Rapids bootleggers have found Michigan justice rather stern. They should take a change of venue to Missouri, where Gen. Technicality and Gen. Delay are in control of the courts.

Since Mayor Ames has been so handsomely "vindicated" through a technicality it is said he will re-enter politics. Perhaps he is no worse than many men who have escaped stripes through the loop-holes of the law.

William E. Curtis has found the grave of Eve. Wont he please look up the ancestry of the late Mrs. Cain while he is over there?

"Remember the Maine." Yesterday was the 6th anniversary of the blowing up of the battleship which furnished this war cry—250 brave seamen perished.

There is one consolation to the proof reader on the war news. He need not care whether the names are spelled right or not. No one will know enough to challenge the spelling.

Senator Bailey has not yet openly charged Roosevelt with being the cause of the boll-weevil scourge in the cotton fields of the south. Still the campaign is scarcely begun yet.

Japan should remember that one swallow does not make a summer. Neither does a sinking battleship or two whelp Russia. There is some warm work ahead for the Jap.

Japan and Russia are acting as though they thought they could finish their war without the aid of the Missouri mule. If they can they can do more than England ever did.

Speaker Cannon said that "Hanna was the most forceful citizen of the United States." His qualities were shown as business man, political manager and legislator.

There may be another "sick man of Europe" before the czar finishes with the Mikado—

The Sultan.

It may be truly said of Mark Hanna as of the great man of the bible that "there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel."

It looks like some of those Baltimore buildings were constructed of a cheap grade of asbestos, the kind used in Chicago theater curtains.

If cold weather kills germs next summer ought to be a healthy summer.

Fort Donelson fell 42 years ago today after a four days' siege. It was one of the crises of the war.

Americans with pork and mules to sell can see a silver lining to the dark war cloud in the far east.

The war poets of the Sherman type have no doubt discovered that Seoul rhymes admirably with Seoul.

The per capita circulation of money in the United States on Feb. 1 was \$30.81. Have you got yours?

Senator Patterson of Colorado says that silver is dead. That does settle it. Send for the undertaker, Mr. Bryan.

Henry Watterson is 84 today. He is old enough to know better than he does. At least Mr. Bryan will so testify.

In well-informed circles it is believed that congress will adjourn by May 1.

We sometimes hear of a taste of winter. Probably when it is found to be bitter cold.

February ought to be ashamed of herself. She doesn't seem to be able to get out of the January rut.

It is said that Peter the Great began the Russian navy. If Japan keeps on she is likely to finish it.

Possibly the last note Russia sent was a mean valentine.

The Herald's motto has stuck. Delightful Decatur just fits the case.

Married at Blue Mound. At the home of Lyman Shick in Blue Mound Wednesday evening, Fred Barrett and Miss Edw. Davidson were married. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Hostetter of the Blue Mound Christian church and was witnessed by a few intimate friends. After the ceremony a supper was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Barrett will make their home near Mt. Auburn.

## A PROMISING ENTERPRISE

Washburn-Wheeler Company Incorporated at Springfield with Capital Stock of \$10,000.

## LOOKING FOR BIG BUSINESS.

The Washburn and Wheeler Shaft Company with a capital stock of \$10,000 all paid up, was incorporated in Springfield Tuesday. The incorporators are John A. Keck, Amos Wheeler and Roland C. Washburn. The company is to manufacture shafts and bany is to do general blacksmithing parts and do general blacksmithing. The shop will be at 210 West Wood street.

Washburn and Wheeler have been conducting a little factory in connection with their blacksmith shop. They have a little invention of their own which does away with the single tree, making the shafts stronger and lighter and giving a direct pull in line of the connection of the shafts with the buggy. They have already turned out 1500 pairs of shafts equipped with the device. The castings are made at the Central Malleable Iron Works in this city.

They now have a complete shop. All their machinery is run by electricity. They occupy the entire building and in the rear have a large elevator. They expect to turn out 8,000 or 10,000 pairs of shafts and to keep a force of eight or ten men at work.

## WELDON.

Silas Hand from Champagne came Monday afternoon. He will start to Mississippi Tuesday with several land-seekers.

Miss Jessie Johnson returned to her home at Seymour Friday.

Miss Nellie Kelley is visiting her sister near DeWitt.

Mrs. John Williams and son, Carl, went to Macon Monday to visit the former's mother.

Thomas Marsh and sister, Miss Estella, who have been visiting relatives in Nebraska, returned home Monday.

Mrs. George Huffman and sister, Miss Anna Riley, were at Clinton Monday.

R. T. Thomas has recovered from a recent serious illness.

Mrs. C. C. Mackin was a Clinton visitor Monday.

Rev. and Mrs. Willard entertained a large company of young folks at their home Monday evening with a valentine party.

Charles Costley was in Clinton on business Monday.

Samuel Moonhead returned home from Danville Monday.

Worship Gray Jr. and son, Thornton, from Pana, were visiting the former's parents Monday and Tuesday.

Feb. 18.

## INDICTED

County Clerk Thomas At Belleville Charged With Embezzlement.

Belleville, Ill., Feb. 17.—Special to the Herald.—The grand jury returned indictments against County Clerk Thomas, charging him with having embezzled various sums of money, aggregating \$600, which, it is alleged, he should have turned over to various state institutions.

Drawing Exhibit—Miss Shepherd, the drawing teacher at the high school is at present arranging her exhibit of January work.

## REJECT THE WILL

Verdict of the Jury in the Henard Case Satisfactory All Around.

ESTATE OF VALUE OF \$40,000.

Will Now Be Divided Among Heirs According to Law.

The will of the late Jesse Henard has been broken, or at least has been declared not to be the last will of Mr. Henard. The jury before which the case was tried returned about 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and in about fifteen minutes returned a verdict finding that the paper which had been presented was not the last will of the late Jesse Henard.

This is probably the final action in the case. The heirs were all in favor of breaking the will and the death of the testator was only opposed by the guardian ad litem for the minor defendants who was compelled to fight the breaking of the will in order to perform his duties.

This means that the estate will be divided according to the statute of Illinois. The estate consists of some city property and 320 acres of land in Christian county all of which is valued at about \$40,000.

After the conclusion of the Henard case court was adjourned until Friday morning.

The entries on the court docket Wednesday were as follows:

## Chancery.

People's Savings and Loan Association vs. W. H. Gharrett et al. foreclosure; dismissed at cost of complainant.

Thomas B. Govey et al. vs. Rebecca J. Govey et al. for assignment of dower and homestead and for partition, master's report filed and decree of partition and dower and David Patterson, F. R. Shull and E. F. Kuny appointed appraisers.

Anthony L. Pitzer vs. Jeremiah Tary et al. chancery; leave to sheriff to amend return.

Minnie Long et al. vs. Carrie Henard et al. bill to set aside will; verdict that papers introduced in evidence was not the last will of J. R. Henard.

## Common Law.

Rena Faris vs. August Scholz et al. trespass on the case; motion for new trial.

## DIED AT LITCHFIELD.

Former Decatur Man Was a Victim of Pneumonia.

J. Frank Watkins, the well known saloonkeeper, died at his residence, 601 West Kirkham street, Monday evening at 4:50 o'clock, aged 46 years, 2 months and 20 days, succumbing to pneumonia after a brief illness. He resided at 601 West Kirkham street and was on the streets Saturday. He took sick Sunday morning and grew rapidly worse until death came as above stated.

Decatur came to this place from Benton nine years ago. He had lived in Decatur previous to going to Benton, where he owned a farm. He leaves a wife and four children—two girls and two boys—besides one brother.

The remains were shipped to Clinton Tuesday afternoon and the funeral and burial will take place Wednesday.—Litchfield Herald.

## SPECIALIST RUPTURE



DR. E. E. ROHRBAUGH, Chicago's Noted Rupture Specialist.

A specialist of known ability, is President of the United States Trust company of Chicago and Philadelphia, and is the most widely known expert on rupture in America. He has no doubt the sure and safe cure for this affliction, as proven by the many cured cases in this locality.

He is the only successful hernia doctor who has a large number of patients in this city and locality who are willing to endorse his treatment.

If you are afflicted that means you should see the doctor.

This is the grand opportunity for those who are afflicted to call and see a doctor who is skilled and experienced in this specialty. His examination and consultation will be free and we would advise the readers of this paper who are afflicted to write the doctor or call early on the days of his visit here. His Chicago office is 48 Van Buren street.

There can be no question about the method being the best, simplest and only soothing and stimulating treatment for the cure of disease. Thousands of people whom I have permanently cured willingly testify to the truth of this claim. I guarantee to cure you without pain, danger or detention from business. I am able to make this statement after having cured cases which some of the learned physicians of the United States had brought to me for treatment and are cured today.

Thousands of Others Testify

Of these cures, I cured THEM. You can't discount that. I can cure you. I can prove it to you. Give me a chance. I've proved it to all these other people.

ASTHMA, CATARRH and LUNG DISEASES, RECTAL DISEASES, PILES, FISTULA.

Decatur Hotel, DECATUR, Wednesday, Feb. 24

It Won't Cost You Anything

To investigate my treatment and what I have done for others. It won't cost you anything to have me diagnose your case and to get my opinion.

Don't Take My Word.

Write or call on my cured patients. They can furnish you with the most conclusive evidence of what I am able to do.

INVITATION.

I want every person who reads this to have a talk with me. It will not cost you a penny. I will explain to you how you can be permanently cured. It makes no difference how skeptical you may be. I will produce evidence that will convince you that I am able to give you permanent cure and forever rid you of a life-cursing disease.

I have with me a well known specialist on Asthma, Catarrh and Lung diseases. You should call and have me make an examination of your case, obtaining his expert opinion free of charge.

We will examine you free of charge and state the exact amount that it will cost you to be cured.

These noted doctors with their complete equipment will be at the Decatur hotel, Decatur, Wednesday Feb. 24.

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# ALEXIEFF DESERTS PORT ARTHUR BELIEF THAT PLACE IS LOST

## Another Russian Warship Runs Afoul Mines in Harbor and Sinks With 197 Officers and Men.

### JAPS COMMENCE A BIG INVASION OF KOREA

### Makes Russians Believe That Unexpected Tactics Will be Adopted--Practically Admit Defeat on Sea.

### FAST IN ICE

### Big Fleet of Russian Torpedo Boats Can't Leave Vladivostok.

Tokio, Feb. 18.—The German steamer *Batavi* just reached Molt with 1500 Japanese refugees on board including the commercial agent of Japan at Vladivostok. The latter reports that that port unable to move. When the Russian torpedo boats frozen up at Vladivostok the squadron there hastily repainted and cleared for action leaving port on the afternoon of Feb. 9. He believed the Japanese attack may be made in the Yalu. All reports tend to confirm the impression that Russia is doing nothing to expect from the Yalu.

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The Tokyo correspondent of the *Chronicle* states that it is stated officially that several thousand Russian troops have reached Antung and that it is estimated that 20,000 Russians have arrived at Ying Yang, on the Tatumang River. The *Chronicle*, however, regards this rumor as improbable unless the invasion of Korea is the outbreak of hostilities.

Paris, Feb. 18.—It is reported here that the Russian torpedo gunboat *Yenisei* will entail serious consequences. The captain of that vessel has been reported at various places, and it is said that the general staff possesses copies of these papers, but there is a probability those lost contained certain corrections and modifications which others do not.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—The Russian steamer *Yenisei* was blown up by mine Feb. 13 in the same manner as the Russian torpedo gunboat *Yenisei*. She had on board 197 officers and men all of which it is reported were lost. No details of the disaster have been given out, but the report has been confirmed from various sources.

The *Yenisei* was 348 feet long, 41 feet 6 inches beam, draught 3,200 tons. Her armament consisted of 14 7 inch guns, eight 18 inch guns, two 11 inch guns, three machine guns and six torpedo tubes.

Berlin, Feb. 16.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of *Tagliche Rundschau* says 600 Russian soldiers were frozen to death while marching across Lake Khasan, east of Siberia. The correspondent also says the temporary railroad across the lake is not yet completed and that a detachment of troops is on a 2-mile march over the ice. It is presumed part of these troops lost their way in a snow storm and perished.

Seoul, Feb. 16.—The Korean government has granted Japan the right to cross the country. It is reported Japanese warships have trapped three Russian ships at Yongampo.

### ELEVEN SHIPS

Represent the Number Lost by Russia in Port Arthur Engagement.

London, Feb. 16.—In a dispatch dated Feb. 13 the correspondent of the *Times* gives a description of eleven Russian warships which he says were being disabled there. They include the battleships *Sevastopol* and *Potemkin* which have not been named in previous reports of the action.

The correspondent says that although eleven Russian ships were put out of action at Port Arthur.

Continuing he declares the Japanese are driven from the neighborhood of the port near New Chwang, after a month in which 150 Japanese were taken prisoners and 70 Russians were killed.

In an editorial the *Times* remarks that this correspondent does not mention the damages sustained by battleships and the *Kinchau* story has not been reported from any other source it would be well to accept his reports with some reserve.

### CAPTAIN OF VARIAG IMPOLORED PROTECTION FROM ENGLISH, ITALIAN AND GERMAN NAVY

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### WOUNDED JAPS RETURNING

Say Russian Aim At Port Arthur Was True But Not Effective in Destroying Ships.

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### ENGLISH AND AMERICANS

### Threatened By Russians at Ying Kow.

Ying Kow, Feb. 16.—Threatening demonstrations have been made against the British gunboat *Espergle* and the United States gunboat *Helena* by Russian soldiers whose assaults upon and depredations against other foreigners continue. The civil administrator is making every effort to arrest the offenders and has assured Captains Barton and Sawyer and Consul Miller full reparation will be made. The Russian authorities deny the report and loss of Russian vessels near Wei Hai Wei.

### NO HARM DONE.

Port Arthur, Feb. 15.—The firing on the German cruiser *Hansa* by the Japanese warships occurred while she was passing along to Port Arthur to take away German residents and not when the latter were on board. The *Hansa* was not damaged. On her arrival at Port Arthur she took on board a number of wives of Russian sailors and a large party without further incident. The work of repairing the damaged Russian battleships is progressing rapidly. Investigation shows the city fortress wholly undamaged by the Japanese attack.

### RUSSIAN AIM TRUE.

Paris, Feb. 16.—Pettit Parisian publishes a despatch from Tokio, dated February 14 in which the correspondent says that the wounded Japanese who have reached there from Port Arthur declare that on the morning of Feb. 8 the Japanese squadron of fifty-five vessels including transports, received orders to sail for Port Arthur.

### JAPS SEIZE CANS

### American Army Supplies For Port Arthur Intercepted En Route.

San Francisco, Feb. 16.—Cable advices have been received by the California Fruit Cannery association that their shipment of canned goods, shipped on the steamer *Coptic* a month ago and consigned to Port Arthur, had been seized by the Japanese government at Nagasaki. As shipments consigned to neutral ports are not subject to the Japanese embargo, the hope in that way to reach their destination. A large shipment of meat beef for the Russian government, aggregating 1,000,000 pounds is now here to be shipped on the steamer *China* which departs for the coast next week. The shipment will in all probability be consigned to Shanghai and reshipped there for Port Arthur.

### POLITIC L POINTERS

McLean county is the big political battle ground in the gubernatorial fight this week. The leaders and their aides are fighting inch by inch for advantage. The campaign reached Bloomington Monday night and will remain in the county until Saturday when the primaries are to be held. He said that he was entirely satisfied with the progress being made with his campaign and expected to spend some time in Normal and today will visit Saybrook and tomorrow afternoon Lexington. Plans are being made for visits to other towns in the county and during the next few days he expects to keep busy visiting the voters.

Governor Yates is in McLean county and spent yesterday in Normal. Morgan county held its convention yesterday but the governor feeling that his interests there were safe did not take the time to run home and attend last evening he visited Lexington and addressed the voters there.

### SEA COVERED WITH ICE

### Makes It Impossible For Landing At Ching Wang Tao.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—A despatch from Port Arthur dated Feb. 15, denies the Japanese are landing at Ching Wang Tao, on the south border of Manchuria. The sea there is covered with ice for a distance of fourteen miles from shore and would make landing extremely difficult. No Japanese have been seen on the Yalu river.

### PLEIDES BROUGHT JAPS

### American Vessel Held At Port Arthur Carried One Hundred Japs to Safety.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Although unofficially advised of the arrival at the Foo of the American ship *Pleides* from Port Arthur, where she had been under detention, the state department has directly learned the vessel brought away with her the 100 Japanese who had been up to that time prevented from leaving.

### JAPS GRAB

### Space at World's Fair Surrendered By Russia.

St. Louis, Feb. 16.—Upon the heels of the announcement from St. Petersburg that Russia will abandon her proposed exhibit at Louisiana purchase exposition, Mr. Halmstedt, assistant commission general from Japan announced tonight that every foot of exhibit space given up by Russia will be applied for by Japan.

### JAPS GOT THE WAGONS.

### American Product for Russia Falls into Enemy's Hands.

Minneapolis, Feb. 16.—A Minneapolis wagon company, which recently shipped 500 army wagons in several lots to Russian ports on the Pacific, has been notified from St. Petersburg that the last shipment fell into the hands of the Japanese.

### JAPS MAKE MISTAKE

### Fire On German Steamer Without Damaging Her.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—A semi-official telegram dated from headquarters of the viceroy at Port Arthur says the German cruiser *Hansa*, which had been sent to remove German subjects from Port Arthur and which had on board also a number of Russian women and children, had been fired upon by Japanese warships.

### TO BUILD HIS FENCES

### Representative Warner Goes to Illinois to Run for Governor.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Representative Warner of Illinois has gone home to carry on a campaign in his state for gubernatorial nomination.

Before he departed his attention was called to a report that a deal was in progress by which he was to yield his gubernatorial aspirations to another candidate, Mr. Lowden in return for national complications, Jibutai being called to the United States term expires three years hence.

### FRENCH SHELTER RUSSIANS

### Permit Warships in Neutral Port Without Protest.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—Admiral Wirovich has been instructed to hold the Russian squadron, consisting of the battleships *Cheladaya* and the cruisers *Aurora* and *Dmitri Donskoi* and a number of torpedo boat destroyers at Jibutai, French Somaliland, until further orders.

### France Doesn't Care.

Paris, Feb. 16.—A *Figaro* despatch from St. Petersburg today says "It has been decided to hold the Russian squadron from the Mediterranean now in the Red Sea and bound for the far east at Jibutai, French Somaliland, until further orders. Admiral Rojestvenski, chief of marine staff, is going on to assume naval command at Port Arthur. The stopping of the Russian squadron at Jibutai may lead to international complications, Jibutai being a neutral French port."

"It is understood France is not likely to ask the squadron to leave."

### LAST DEBAUCH

### Of Samuel Shutter Resulted in His Death in the City Prison.

### WAS FOUND BY THE OFFICERS.

### Post-Mortem Held and the Inquest Will Occur Today.

Death in a prison cell was the fate of Samuel Shutter, a coal hauler and teamster, who was arrested Tuesday noon for drunkenness. Alone and in an intoxicated condition Shutter was stretched out on a bunk in the city prison while his life passed away. He was found there dead by the officers about 5:20 p. m. Tuesday.

Shutter was arrested Tuesday noon. Some one saw the man lying down on the sidewalk at the corner of Broadway and West base avenue. Policeman Muthersbaugh took Shutter in charge and the patrol wagon was called and the drunken man was taken to police headquarters. He was intoxicated to the extent that he was absolutely helpless.

In Cell No. 1. The man was taken down to the city prison and placed in Cell No. 1. Chief Sullivan said that he was the drunkest man he ever saw but it was not thought that there was anything the matter except that Shutter had indulged excessively. Dr. J. T. Miller was in police headquarters a few minutes after Shutter was arrested and the police had him look at Shutter. The doctor said that the man was undoubtedly intoxicated but that there were no other indications of any danger.

During the day at different times officers were in the city prison and Shutter seemed to be sleeping quietly. Sergeant Imboden, who was in charge of the city prison, put his hand through the bars and felt that Shutter's hands and face were cold. He opened the cell door and examined further and at once called Dr. Miller.

Sergeant Imboden worked with Shutter until the doctor came but it was too late to do any thing. He had probably been dead for half an hour before the officers found him.

Coroner Dwyer notified and took the body to his undertaking establishment on North Main street. A post-mortem examination was held by Drs. John T. Miller and Will C. Wood so that they could testify intelligently before the coroner's jury. The inquest will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

There seems to be no doubt but that excessive drinking caused death. It is said that Shutter had been a heavy drinker at times for the past month he had not touched anything. It appears that he drank some time during the day to the extent that he was found in a helpless condition.

### LIVED WITH SON.

Shutter was married and had three sons and daughters. He was separated from his wife and resided with his son, Frank Shutter, who lives at 555 East Wagner street. Tuesday morning he assisted his daughter, Mrs. Mary Shutter, at the house and helped wash the dishes. At that time he seemed perfectly sober and it must have been between then and noon that he drank. When the police picked him up he could not talk. The post-mortem examination did not develop anything mysterious about the death. The police say that they cannot account for it in any way excepting that the man drank more than his system would stand.

Shutter has several brothers, one of whom is a farmer and lives in the country. His father, who is dead, was a prominent farmer, and the family lived near the Garver settlement before moving to Decatur.

### AS ADMINISTRATRIX.

### Letha Schroll Takes Charge of Jacob Schroll Estate.

In the county court Tuesday Letha A. Schroll was appointed administratrix de bonis non of the estate of the late Jacob Schroll who died in 1876. George W. Lyons, 31 James Johnston, 28, Thomas Wright, 28, Thomas McDermott, 26, Philip Collins, 17, S. M. Garvey, 14.

Nearly Forfeits His Life. A runaway sleight ending fatally, started a horrible war on the leg of J. B. Ormer, Franklin Grove, Ill., four years it defied all doctors and all remedies. But Bucken's Arnica Salve had no trouble to cure him. Equally good for burns, bruises, skin eruptions and piles. 25c at John E. King, Chas. P. Shilling and N. L. Krone's drug store.

### H. BACHRACH'S RELATIVE

### Had a Lucky Escape in the Baltimore Fire.

Just after the Baltimore fire an item appeared in the *Herald* saying that Henry Bachrach had a nephew who owned a big store in the district which was burned and that Mr. Bachrach supposed that everything he had was destroyed. A couple of days ago a letter was received from the nephew, Harry Erlanger, stating that the store was not burned. It was directly across the street from a large building which burned, but nothing was burned. Mr. Erlanger said that he had all of his goods ready to be moved out if it were necessary.

### STURTEVANT-FUNK

### Home Wedding On West King Street Last Evening.

William R. Sturtevant and Miss Mae Funk were married at the home of the bride by Rev. S. H. Bowyer, in the presence of the relatives of the couple. The groom and bride are well known young people, the groom having been in the employ of the Sturtevant firm for about five years. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Funk of 771 West King street. The bride wore a pale blue silk gown with carnations in her hair and carried a shower bouquet of carnations. The bridesmaid and groomsmen were Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hoppe of Billings, Mont. The bridesmaid being a sister of the groom. She wore a pale blue silk waist and brown tailor skirt and carried carnations. An elaborate supper was served and the evening socially spent in singing and music.

### HINDSBORO.

### J. A. Wright and his wife drove to Charleston Saturday to see a sick uncle.

Rev. A. H. Harrell, Christian minister, of Windsor, came here to conduct the funeral services of E. L. Willis at Bushon last Sunday.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Robert Skelley, Clinton ..... 22  
Mary A. Hoffman, Maroa ..... 27  
Almer Midkiff, Stewardson ..... 25  
Maggie Lane, Stewardson ..... 22  
James E. Toser, Maroa ..... 23  
Nellie M. Clough, Maroa ..... 23  
William R. Sturtevant, Decatur ..... 31  
Elizabeth M. Funk, Decatur ..... 18

### Mysterious Circumstances.

One was pale and sallow and the other fresh and rosy. Whence the difference? She was blushing with her eyes. Dr. King's New Life Pills to maintain it. By gently arousing the lazy organs they compel good digestion and head off constipation. Try them. Only 50c at John E. King, Chas. P. Shilling and N. L. Krone's drug store.

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### MINERS WILL GO ON STRIKE

### BEFORE THEY WILL ACCEPT REDUCTION FROM COAL OPERATORS OF ILLINOIS DISTRICT.

### DEMAND DANVILLE SCALE

### Contention of Operators of Illinois Depression Not Considered—H. C. Perry Elected President.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Two hundred delegates to the convention of Illinois miners are solidly opposed to accepting any reduction in the wages of men working in the coal mines of this state. A canvass made before the opening of the fifteenth annual convention this morning disclosed opposition to even the consideration of the claims of operators that owing to business depression and impending reduction in the prices of coal, the miners should accept a reduction of 15 per cent in wages.

### DEMAND DANVILLE SCALE.

### This question and the election of officers are the most important ones to be considered. The delegates say they will demand a renewal of the Danville scale of 55 cents a ton, mine run, or operators will face another strike. They believe the Russo-Japanese war will send the price of coal up and operators will receive better prices than they have for several years.

### Candidates for Officers.

Herman Perry, of Springfield, Va., and Ed Cahill of Stinson, were candidates for president, to succeed Thomas Reynolds, who withdrew from the race. Several candidates for secretary opposed W. D. Ryan, the present incumbent, but the re-election of the latter was made with ease.

### The resolutions were devoted to the appointment of committees and election of officers. The convention will last several days.

### The election of officers this afternoon resulted as follows:

H. C. Perry, of Springfield, Va., president.

W. E. Smith, of Coal City, vice president.

W. D. Ryan, of Springfield, secretary.

Duncan McDonald, Patrick Carr, of Loud, J. J. Wynn, of East Peoria; William Topham, of Westville; John T. Parson, of Riverton; Peter McCullough, of Glen Carbon, W. T. Morris, of DuQuoin, executive board.

Albert Mutzing, of Glen Carbon; Elmer Owens, of Bellefonte; William James, of Springfield, Va., auditors.

Committees were appointed to revise the constitution and receive reports of retiring officers. The reports will be read this evening.

### FIRES

### Berlin, Ontario, Feb. 16.—The factory of the Berlin Iron Works company, the largest of the kind in Canada, was destroyed by fire tonight. Loss, \$150,000.

### Minneapolis, Feb. 16.—Fire tonight, destroyed the Printers' Exchange building, owned by companies manufacturing various sizes for printing houses. Loss \$120,000.

### RUSSIANS LEAVE SEOUL.

Seoul, Feb. 16.—The Russian minister and his family left the city Friday last on a special Japanese train. Upon its arrival at Chemulpo the party immediately went on board the French cruiser *Pascal*, which has 700 Russians on board.

The delay at the last moment owing to objections raised by the Japanese authorities to the disposition of the Russian refugees which is considered by them most unsatisfactory.

### PARTY AT CERRO GORDO

### Miss Peck Entertains in Honor of the Guests.

Cerro Gordo, Feb. 16.—Special to the *Herald*—On Monday evening Miss Gerta Peck entertained friends at a Valentine party in honor of Miss Della Davis of Poseville, Ind., Miss Kate Brown, of Ashmore, Ill., and Miss Elsie Alsup, of Maroa.

Those present were: Gloga Gaston, Adelaide Gaston, Treasa, Althouse, Emma Atcheson, Pearl Long, Edith Hurd, Grace Hurd, Estelle Barnhart, Ada McArty, Maude Bowen, Belle Balch, George Bowen, Earl Grinwald, Edna Adams, Edna White, Harry Sutton, Charles Bickenseder, Charles Hurd and John Grove.

The guests were received by Misses Claude Propst and Lita Evans, who were dressed in white and wore red roses. The dining room was decorated in hearts and red and white roses. The parlor and sitting room were decorated in hearts and red bows made of crepe paper. Candy hearts were hidden in the different rooms and prizes were offered to those finding the most of these few friends. The couple will go to housekeeping on the groom's farm in Dewitt county.

When all the guests had arrived they were given a sheet of paper on which were written seven letters and from these they were to compose a sentence. The first letter was "I", the second "d", the third "e", the fourth "a", the fifth "r", the sixth "n" and the seventh "t". The couple caused a great deal of merriment. Other games played during the evening were "Pinch," "Panic," "Zoo" and "I do it."

Dainty refreshments were served in the parlor which took place. The guests remained until a late hour.

### MARRIED.

Skelley-Huffman.

Robert Skelley of Clinton and Miss Mary A. Hoffman of Maroa were married at noon yesterday by Rev. W. H. Penhalligan at his study in the presence of a few friends. The couple will go to housekeeping on the groom's farm in Dewitt county.

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# MARK DOWN SALE

Prices on  
Storm Overcoats, Freizes,  
Astrachans, Kerseys,  
Fur Coats in China Bear,  
Galloway, Australian Calf,  
Good warm Gloves, Mitts, Un  
derwear and Caps.  
Heavy ribbed Underwear, 10c.

Reductions all down the  
line on Winter Clothing.



## Cheap Charley

RELIABLE CLOTHING.

the people of the state should not be taxed to aid in its support. The court holds that the act is now far from self supporting, that it is no longer a highway of commerce; that it would become a regular applicant at the door of the state treasury.

### LAW IS CONSTITUTIONAL

Supreme Court Says That Corporations are Required to Make Reports Each Year.

### APPLIES TO STATE CHARITIES

Springfield, Feb. 17.—Special to The Herald.—The constitutionality of the act of 1901, requiring corporations to submit annual reports to the secretary of the state, was upheld by the supreme court today. The act also provides for the cancellation of charters of companies which fail to report. The decision was in a case brought by Hill Lodge, Independent order of B'Nai B'Rith, whose contention was that the statute showed intent on the part of the legislature to make the act apply solely to corporations organized for pecuniary profit. The supreme court, however, holds that the words apply to all corporations that do what they are permitted to do by their charters. The constitutionality of the act was also attacked upon the ground that the legislature has no power to put a corporation out of business. The supreme court holds the evident purpose of the law was to facilitate taxation of corporations and to provide information for the taxing officers.

### PURE BRED SWINE

McMillin & Kaylor's Sale Wednesday  
Attracted Many Fanciers from Distance.

### HIGHEST PRICE PAID, \$200.

Average Price Per Head Was Forty-Seven Dollars.

McMillin and Kaylor, the swine breeders, held a sale of brood sows at Shearer's barn on East Main street Wednesday afternoon. There was a large attendance and good prices were paid.

The sale of 47 head of sows brought over \$2200, an average of \$47 each.

The sale was conducted by Col. H. O. Correll and D. P. McCracken, auctioneers, who make a business of selling swine sales throughout the corn belt of the country.

About 300 men were in attendance and included breeders from Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota and Kansas, besides breeders from different parts of Illinois.

A pen was arranged on the second floor of the barn and around it were arranged seats for the bidders.

The largest price paid was \$200 for a brood sow, a fine two-year-old sow. The bid was made by Col. Correll, who held the authority of C. C. Shaffer of Hampton, Ia., a big breeder.

Harry R. Smith of Stillwater Valley, Ill., paid \$70 for Kemp's Lassie, I. R. Smith of Decatur bought thirteen head ranging in price from \$22 to \$75. Mr. Mills will put the sows on his farm.

Col. F. B. Hart of Edinburgh, Ill., paid \$99 for one sow, J. H. Fawcett of Iowa, Wilkinson and Sons of Indiana and Epworth and Sons were among the other bidders.

Col. Correll who has been holding sales in different parts of the west every day for some time past said that the prices were good everything considered. He said Decatur could be made a good point for selling hogs. This place has some reputation as a horse selling point but it is comparatively new as a market for pure bred hogs.

The fact that bidders came here from a distance proved that the breeders are known outside the community.

The firm is composed of J. H. Mc-

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### JOHN MARSHALL Said to Meditate Coming Out For Congress.

A new Richmond is to enter the race for congress from Coles county, according to reports, which were heightened by the presence of Attorney John Marshall of Charleston in Mattoon, Tuesday night.

Marshall, it is said, contemplates making the fight a three-cornered one with General Horace Clark and Hon. L. L. Lehman, both of Mattoon holding down the other ends of the triangle.

Marshall is one of the republican bosses of Coles county and has been years of political preference—Mattoon Star.

### POLITICAL POINTERS

Yates and Warner are having a busy time in McLean county and are working opposite political methods. The governor confides himself almost entirely to speeches while Col. Warner is not speaking at all. He puts in his time visiting the voters personally and according to the papers there he is getting over a good deal of ground and making many friends. The primaries will be held on Saturday and the county central committee has made complete arrangements for receiving the returns that night. Attorney General Hamlin has sent word that he is compelled to cancel all engagements in McLean county owing to the fact that he has pressing engagements elsewhere but said that he desired that his name be left on the ticket.

The Shelby county republicans in their convention did not name delegates to the state convention allowing Mr. Hamlin that privilege.

The Morgan county convention held Tuesday instructed for Governor Yates as it was expected to do. The only surprising thing was the overwhelming defeat of the Rannell's force which was represented in the convention by only seven delegates. The Yates forces had everything their own way.

The fight in Whitesides county is very bitter. In the primary held Tuesday last the capture of fourteen more delegates to the county convention giving him 119 to 128 for Yates. Primaries in Geneseo and Prophetstown will decide the contest neither candidate being able to win without both of these.

The Menard county convention Tuesday resulted in the defeat of Yates' forces. The delegates were anti-Yates and are supposed to be for Hamlin and Sherman.

### BIG CROWD SURE

Secretary Hostetter Says From Five to Seven Hundred Delegates Will Attend Institute.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MET.

And Located Various Departments—Rooms for Lodgers Wanted

The members of the executive committee having in charge the local arrangements for the State Farmers' institute, held a meeting last night.

Several matters regarding the location of the different departments were decided. The dairy school will be in the basement of the Temple on North Church street. The domestic science department will be in the G. A. R. hall and the poultry show will be in the old Y. M. C. A. rooms on the second floor of the institute.

The corn department will be in one side of the old postoffice building and on the other side will be the bureau of information which will be opened the first of next week. The live stock will all take the Harkrader barn.

Several of the committees made reports and among them Prof. Lutz of the music committee. He reported that all the music had been provided for the institute.

State Secretary Hostetter has written that there is a farmers' institute organization in every county in the state and in connection with nearly all there are domestic science societies. He said that the purpose of the institute was to give the farmers a chance to see the best of the country and to have them see the best of the country.

It will be necessary to make arrangements for the accommodation of these delegates. The executive committee has advertised for persons who have rooms that can be rented. The hotels will not be able to accommodate the people.

J. H. Young will be in charge of the bureau of information. His post-office box number is 424 and all communications regarding the renting of rooms or inquiries of any kind should be directed to him.

### GETS KNOCK OUT BLOW

THE SUPREME COURT GRANTS BURKE'S PETITION FOR CANAL INJUNCTION.

AND MAKES IT PERPETUAL

Illinois and Michigan Canal Will Get No More Money From the Tax Payers of This State.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 17.—Special to The Herald.—In the suit of Richard E. Burke, of Cook county, for injunction to prevent the state treasury from paying the commissioners of the Illinois and Michigan canal any part of the appropriation made by the state legislature at last session, the supreme court today remanded the case to the trial court, with directions to enter a decree for the injunction.

The commissioners, in accordance with the prayer of the petitioner, Burke contended the appropriation made by the last general assembly was in violation of the constitution which prohibits appropriations of money for a canal.

The supreme court held that it was the constitutional intent that the canal should be self-sustaining and that

### WAR DECLARED

Yates And Hamlin Factions In Sangamon County Unleash Their Knives.

### TWO SETS OF DELEGATES.

Likely to Be Chosen to the State Convention.

There is trouble brewing in Sangamon county with good prospects of two primaries being held and two sets of delegates named to the state convention. The Springfield Journal of yesterday said:

It is now pretty well settled that there will be two delegations from Sangamon county to the state republican convention. In reviving against the regular action of Chairman Wheeler of the county committee, the men who are arranging for a special meeting of the county committee to call primaries on a different date practically admit that it is their purpose to play the basis for a contesting delegation and this means that the matter must be settled in the state convention.

The only thing which can interfere with the scheme to get up a contesting delegation will be the action of the committee men who have become parties to the special committee meeting proposition. It is well known that most of the committee men did not understand the purport of the proposition to call the meeting and they can defeat the scheme by refusing to go to the meeting, or, in the event they attend, by sustaining the action of Chairman Wheeler, and refusing to have anything to do with any primaries except those called by the committee.

Yesterday was a day of much talk and considerable hustling about the rival headquarters. During the morning a number of the committee men called upon Doctor Wheeler and notified him that they had become parties to the call for the committee meeting without understanding what was contemplated. Had they known there was a scheme under way to repudiate the action of the primary committee appointed by the county committee, they would have had nothing to do with the affair. These men will not attend the meeting of the committee and such of them as have given proxies will revoke them.

During the day the Hamlin people were hard at work attempting to get further signatures to their call for the meeting on Thursday. Just how many signatures they have secured is not known, nor is it known how many of them were obtained by means which will not be repudiated. They have made no list public since Monday but they claim they have induced several to sign the list since that time. How many names have been withdrawn they do not say, but they admit that several committee men have asked that their names be taken from the list.

The Hamlin following, has not yet attacked the legality of the action of Chairman Wheeler and it will be impossible for them to do so. The records of the county committee show that at the meeting of the committee held June 4, 1902, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that the chairman appoint the following sub-committee to consist of seven members each, of which sub-committees the chairman and secretary of this committee shall be ex-officio members:

Executive committee: committee on resolutions, to be referred to all resolutions; committee on primaries, which shall be empowered to arrange for the conduct of primaries and county conventions and to set the dates for the same, and shall have charge of matters pertaining thereto; committee on finance.

And that the chairman further be empowered to appoint all other committees that he may deem necessary to conduct the business of the Sangamon county committee.

Meeting Will Be Irregular.

The records also show that the committee adjourned to meet at the call of the chairman, and the proposed meeting which the Hamlin people have called for Thursday, will, of course, be entirely irregular. There is nothing to prevent the committee men from getting together and holding a meeting, but no such meeting can take any action which will be official or binding.

It is likely that most of the members of the committee will decline to attend the gathering at all.

So far as the action of Chairman Wheeler in appointing a primary committee is concerned, it was taken in advance of the proposed meeting of the committee and the call for the primaries having been issued and arrangements made for them nothing the committee could do at this time, even if the meeting were regular and legal, could effect matters.

Doctor Wheeler, acting under authority of the county committee at a time when his power to do so was unquestioned, he action must stand.

Nor will revolt among the committee members avail. In the event the committee men refuse to serve under the call and their places become vacant by reason of their disaffection, the chairman is not without a remedy.

At the meeting in 1902 the committee adopted the following resolution, which covers this case:

Resolved, that the chairman of the Sangamon county central committee be empowered to fill all vacancies that now exist or may exist on the committee.

Hamlin People Disturbed.

The Hamlin people appear to have been badly disturbed by the sudden accession of the bolting organization men as the organization has been relieved by reason of becoming rid of them. While the Hamlin people are for Yates, the new recruits are attempting to dictate to the Hamlin people the course which they shall pursue and they are causing all sorts of trouble.

Their position is such that they can leave the Hamlin crowd at any minute and they are dictatorial to a degree that is most exasperating to the latter. Yesterday they spent the entire day mapping out a plan of campaign for the coming primary which they expect to call and the Hamlin committee men were compelled to accept their views on all subjects.

Like the little boy whose nose got out of joint on the arrival of a baby brother, the patriots who have been carrying the Hamlin burden are now plotting to get rid of them. When one of them was asked what he thought of the new recruits, he said:

"You know what the man said when he drew the elephant in the lottery?"

Doctor Wheeler last night denounced the statement published in the News to the effect that the new recruits

o'clock this morning and, waking up about four hours later, discovered his mother to be dead. She had been all night with heart trouble and a year but had been in a critical condition only a few days.

The funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and interment will be made at Bethel cemetery.

### Child Found Dead.

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No suspicion is attached to anyone on account of the child's death. The coroner's jury found that it came to its death "from causes unknown." The child was excessively fat and Judge Handel believes that a disorder of the heart growing out of this fatty condition caused the child's death.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart live on a farm near Bolivia, and are highly respected in the community where they reside.

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"Your honor," replied the prisoner, with tears in his eyes, "this is the first time I have ever been under arrest. I have no criminal record."

The judge sentenced the prisoner to serve two years in the penitentiary, and as he left the court room he exhibited a degree of relief and elation that attracted the attention of the deputy marshal. Yesterday the officials learned the reason for Ryan's demeanor.

An examination of his record had been made by one of the deputies and the report shows that he is a confirmed criminal and has served six terms in prison.

Ryan's penitentiary record includes two terms at Jefferson City, two at Waupun and two at Stillwater. He was released from the last named prison only a few months ago and the clothes which he wore as he stood before Judge Humphrey were the garments furnished by the prison officials on the day of his release.

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The prisoners said that five minutes before he died he did not seem to be near death. He was raving and was talking about his horse shoeing a horse when he suddenly dropped over dead.

Coroner Dawson and Dr. Miller were immediately sent for.

Peechem is well known in the city. He has worked here and on for the past eight years. One of the men who knew him said that he took spells at drinking. Occasionally he would get on a spree and have a high old time. He has been locked up a few times.

Mr. Peechem and his wife and child live at Lafayette, Ind., and they were notified of the death this morning.

### OFFER A FORFEIT.

Promoter Knight Is Heard From Again at Pekin.

W. H. Knight, who secured the right of an electric line between Bloomington and Decatur, has been heard from. The Pekin correspondent of the Peoria Star Monday said:

A surprise is in store for the members of the city council and the citizens this evening. If it does not occur at this council meeting it will at the next one. The information was gained accidentally, but nevertheless, is authentic. For some time the citizens have been asking the question, will Messrs. Knight and Johnson hold the electric railway which they have promised Pekin? The city council has given them up to April in which to complete the work and so far nothing has been done. However, Messrs. Knight and Johnson claim they have been very busy and that they intend to build an electric railway in Pekin. That they will do so they propose to go before the members of the city council and put up earnest money in the sum of \$5,000 and they will give the money to the city unless the system is completed within a certain time. In fact, they are willing, so it is said, to make it within a year's time. Messrs. Knight and Johnson realize that with the new city park, the ball park and additional building in the outskirts of the city a street car system will pay. While many have not approved of the delay, every one in the city will be willing to give the grant additional time. If they put up a bond of \$5,000 it certainly looks like business.

Pekin needs a street car line and these gentlemen will be encouraged under the above named conditions.

### Marriage Licenses.

Walter Butcher, Christian county...21  
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Both Due to Heart Trouble.

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# A THIRD BATTLE AT PORT ARTHUR

Japanese Naval Officers Express Opinion It Has Been Fought.

BOTH NATIONS MOVING SECRETLY

In Their Preparations For an Engagement on Land.

A LONG AND BLOODY

War is the Way the Russians Are Figuring.

## BULLETIN.

Sasebo, Japan, Feb. 17.—In the opinion of Japanese naval officers here is that a third fight has occurred off Port Arthur, some of the Russian war vessels having been reported as leaving that place.

## BULLETIN.

Tokio, Feb. 18.—It is the belief of the navy department that the Russian second class cruiser Boyarin was torpedoed and sunk by the destroyer Hayator, in the torpedo attack on the Russian fleet at Port Arthur last Sunday morning. Lieutenant Commander Tokonohi did not know the name of the vessel struck by a torpedo discharged by the Hayator, but the navy department has since learned from other sources that it was the Boyarin. A dispatch from St. Petersburg, dated February 16, stated that the Boyarin was blown up with a loss of 190 officers and men, February 13, by a mine which it accidentally struck.

## BULLETIN.

San Francisco, Feb. 17.—The Commercial Pacific cable company is advised from Hong Kong that the Port Arthur cable is interrupted.

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Chefoo, Feb. 18.—Port Arthur—The Chefoo cable was cut yesterday.

## BULLETIN.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—Patriotic demonstrations are being held throughout the empire. Large sums are being contributed for Red Cross work. Liberal subscriptions are also made to the fund for replacing the war ships lost at Port Arthur. The plans arranged for Red Cross officers indicate they may expect the war to be a long and bloody one.

## BULLETIN.

London, Feb. 17.—Japan is most successfully keeping her plans secret. Not a single item of news which could be of possible service to the enemy has been permitted to leak out. The belief is prevalent in London, based on hints in dispatches from correspondents, that her main objective will be found to be the Lia Tung peninsula, but that nothing of a military nature will be attempted until Russia's naval squadrons are effectively disposed of.

## BULLETIN.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—The rigid censorship imposed here upon all news from the far east completely masks the movements of Russian troops and plans of those in command.



A RUSSIAN COSSACK IN FULL MARCHING EQUIPMENT.

but, what is being done is evidently satisfactory to the authorities here, as they manifest the utmost confidence that when the proper time arrives, the enemy will be crushed. They say the preliminary sea victories of the Japanese will thus be speedily forgotten. Russia was taken unawares at the outset, and some time will be required to complete the mobilization of the Russian troops. There will be no disposition to meet the evident wish of the Japanese to rush matters to a decision. The concentration of Russian troops will proceed as rapidly as possible, but it is fair to assume that Viceroy Alexieff will not take the aggressive until he feels certain of his ability to administer a decisive defeat. Therefore, in spite of the extensive landing operations in the Japanese in Korea, an important land fight is not considered to be imminent, although it is believed the passage of the Yalu river by the Japanese will be disputed. Troops are constantly going to the front from all parts of the empire.

**LANDING AT WIJU.**  
Tokio, Feb. 17.—Eight transports with Japanese troops from Nagasaki and several additional vessels carrying war munitions are on the way to the west coast of Korea. Detachments of Japanese cavalry have already landed at WiJU.

**GERMANS DISCREDIT REPORT.**  
Berlin, Feb. 17.—The German admiralty discredits the reports that the Japanese fired on German gun posts Hanea or Thelie or any other German war vessel in disputed far eastern waters.

**CZAR REVIEWS TROOPS.**  
And Tells Them He is Confident Of Ultimate Victory.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—In the courtyard of the winter palace the czar today reviewed the third battalion of First Siberian rifles, which is proceeding to the far east. The review took place in the presence of the czar, the dowager empress, and a number of court officials. After the review the czar addressed the troops, expressing the belief that they will be victorious.

Viceroy Alexieff has commended to the czar the report of Captain Reitzenstein, who is in command of the Russian cruiser division, in which he tells of the destruction of the Japanese merchant steamer Nagomaru Maru, off the northwestern coast of Japan and the capture of forty-one of her crew.

**A RESERVATION.**  
Made by Mikado in Agreeing to Hay's Note.

Tokio, Feb. 17.—It is stated on high authority that the Japanese government in responding to Secretary Hay's note agreed to the neutralization of China, excluding Manchuria, which Russia is now occupying.

Japan is also said to reserve the right to counterbalance any action of Russia in violating China's neutrality.

**RUSSIAN FRIENDS.**  
Americans Offering Money and Entertainment in Service.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The Russian embassy is being flooded with offers of assistance from Americans in various walks of life. Letters from twelve physicians arrived today. The Russian ambassador has been obliged to abandon his original intention to answer each of these offers with a personal letter. But the embassy is sending a letter of thanks to each of the donors, as well as a letter stating that the offers are declined, as Russia does not stand in need of medical or military aid.

**BLUE JACKETS.**  
Will Land At New Chwang If Necessary to Protect American Consul.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Rear Admiral Evans, commanding the Asiatic fleet, is expected to arrive at the port of New Chwang, China, in the mud dock at New Chwang, China, in which he says the conditions there are greatly disturbed and that he is vigorously investigating the reports that Russian officials have delayed certain American and British merchantmen.

In event the American consulate is endangered, it is stated Stanton will land blue jackets and marines for the protection of Consul Miller. There is every wish on the part of this government not to give the slightest cause for complaint by either Russia or Japan of intervention but the unalterable American policy of protecting American interests at all hazards will be adhered to.

**TORPEDO ATTACK.**  
Storm Sunday Night Saved Russian Fleet at Port Arthur.

Tokio, Feb. 17.—A heavy storm spared the Russians from a desperate torpedo attack at Port Arthur on the morning of the 14th. During the preceding night the Japanese fleet of torpedo craft was parted by force of the wind and waves in a blinding snow storm so that only two of the larger destroyers succeeded in forcing their way through the fierce gale to Port Arthur.

When they arrived there, they attacked separately and one of them is confident it succeeded in torpedoing a Russian warship. Admiral Togo in the morning of the 15th said that although the results are unknown he feels sure the moral effect upon the enemy will be excellent.

**NEW CHANG QUIET.**  
According To Report From Alexieff's Chief of Staff.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—A dispatch has been received here from Major General Pflug, Viceroy Alexieff's chief of staff, saying that Yuan Sha Kai, commander in chief of the Chinese army and navy, has ordered 2500 men to Tai Chou, to maintain order. Continuing, he says everything is quiet at New Chwang and that information that the Japanese are forming bands of Chu Chus (bandits), to attack the railroad, is confirmed. Quiet prevails on the Yalu. The Russian scouts did not find the enemy within a distance of 34 miles from the river.

**JEWISH MASSACRE.**  
Is Denied By The Russian Foreign Minister.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—The report of the massacre of Jews near Kieff is denied by the minister of the interior, and the Associated Press is authorized to say the affair was confined to the infliction of slight injury upon three Jews. Last Monday, while a crowd was indulging in a patriotic demonstration at Kieff, some Hebrews began shouting "Down with the czar" and the crowd promptly punished the culprits, who were rescued from a worse fate by the police.

**RUSSIANS WERE ON DUTY.**  
Denial of Report That They Were Absent from Ships.

Paris, Feb. 17.—The Russian ambassador, correspondent says, the report that Russian officers were absent from their ships at Port Arthur was denied.

ing morning for an unknown destination.

**RUSSIANS STOP CABLE BUSINESS.**  
New York, Feb. 17.—The Western Union Cable company has received advices from the Russian government to the effect that the Vladivostok and Nagasaki cables have been closed indefinitely to correspondence of every nature.

**WIJU OPEN TO COMMERCE.**  
Washington, Feb. 17.—Minister Allen at Seoul cables the state department that WiJU has been declared open to the commerce of the world by the Korean government.

**GREAT BRAVERY.**

Shown by Russian Naval Officers in the Battle at Chemulpo.

WENT TO CERTAIN DEATH.

Singing Their National Anthem—Graphic Description of the Second Big Naval Battle of War.

Seoul, Feb. 16.—Via Shanghai, Feb. 17.—A graphic description of the battle of Chemulpo is given by a special correspondent.

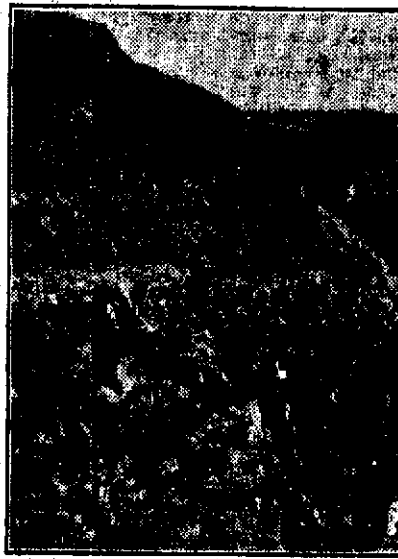
After the officers of foreign ships refused protection to the Russian war vessels, Varig and Korietz, they put out to sea, knowing they were going to certain death.

The American, British, Italian and French officers and men crowded the decks of their vessels, and the crews cheered loudly as the Russians passed. The Japanese fleet, commanded by Rear Admiral S. Uryu, lay out six and three-quarter miles from the foreign ships.

At 11:50 the Japanese armored cruiser Asama fired on the approaching Russian ships with an eight-inch gun, and after the third shot, seven minutes later, the Russians replied. The range was 800 yards. The Japanese fleet formed in line of battle and, at noon, the full fleet was engaged. The Japanese fire was heavy and unceasing, and was mainly directed again the Varig.

**Hit Varig Five Times.**  
The Russians maneuvered rapidly to avoid the fire, but five shells struck the Varig in rapid succession, while the Japanese shrapnel fire swept the crews repeatedly from the guns.

A single shell killed or disabled all save one of the forward gunners. One shell struck near the water line, exploding, and a sheet of flame shot



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A shell, however, disabled the Varig's steering gear and her captain then resolved to attempt to run ashore on his return to the harbor so as to avoid capture and destruction.

The Varig, however, was hampered in her attempt to escape by the necessity of remaining near her slower consort. Both ships returned to the harbor, the Varig showing a heavy list. The cruiser anchored 300 yards from the harbor, the Korietz lying further in. The ships fired at the Japanese while retreating, but the Japanese refrained from firing.

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Russian officers praise the precision of the Japanese fire, but the English experts declare that much fire was wasted on both sides.

The Japanese now left the vessels alone and the captain of the Varig declared his intention of destroying the ships.

The Americans refrained from attending the naval conference or taking any part in the demonstration, although some wounded were taken on board the Vicksburg.

When the Korietz was blown up there were two sharp explosions, one forward and one aft. A mass of flame rose 100 feet high, and then came the smoke mounting to the heavens. A voice of the explosion died away, the voices of Russians were heard among the waters of the bay singing the national anthem.

Begged English to Sink Her.

The crew having been removed the Varig's sea cocks were opened and the ship gradually filled. At 5 o'clock sharp, small explosions were heard. The Russian captain, degrading that the Japanese would arrive before his ship sank, requested Capt. Bailey of the English cruiser, Talbot to fire at her while she was still afloat.

Fire soon reached the captain's cabin, causing sharp explosions among the twelve-pounder ammunition. The list to port became more marked, the stern of the ship heeled gradually. There was a falling of gear and the ship finally went under.

Her guns now pointed heavenwards. All her tubes are charged with torpedoes.

The starboard tubes project above at low tide, but the ship is completely submerged at high water.

The funnels, masts and davits of the Korietz are still visible.

Soon after the Varig had disappeared the mail boat, Sungari, burst into flames and burned for many hours, lighting the harbor.

The crews of the Russian boats are well cared for on foreign vessels. The wounded having every attention. Many of the Russians, when they arrived on the foreign ships, seemed to be dumfounded by shock, the deafening noise and trying experience.

**FIFTY BELOW ZERO.**  
Michigan Gets Taste of Severest Weather in Fifteen Years.

Negaunee, Mich., Feb. 17.—The coldest weather in fifteen years was experienced here tonight, the thermometer registering 50 below zero in Negaunee and 52 below at Michiganama. Surface work at mines and lumbering is impossible.

**Peto Rico's Friend.**  
San Juan Porto Rico, Feb. 17.—Governor Hunt and other officials as well as prominent natives, have expressed their sympathy at the death of Senator Hanna whom they term as "Porto Rico's friend."



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The Varig, however, was hampered in her attempt to escape by the necessity of remaining near her slower consort. Both ships returned to the harbor, the Varig showing a heavy list. The cruiser anchored 300 yards from the harbor, the Korietz lying further in. The ships fired at the Japanese while retreating, but the Japanese refrained from firing.

On the approach of the Russians, the British, French and Italian vessels cleared the tower of the Varig. The ship was disabled and the Russian ship was disabled and the Russian ship was disabled.

a huge American flag belonging to that officer.

The spectacle in the senate was imposing and quite in harmony with the public estimate of the great man's services to his country.

The ceremonies began shortly after 12 o'clock with a prayer by House Chaplain Condon. Immediately afterward Dr. Hale delivered the funeral address, in which he paid a high tribute to the memory of the deceased senator. When he concluded the Griddon quartet sang "Nearer My God to Thee."

President pro tem Frye then addressed the assembly, saying:

"We commit the body of our beloved senator now to committees of the houses of congress and to officers of the senate to be conveyed to his late home in Ohio and to its final resting place. May God sanctify his life and death to us who loved him well."

**NO EULOGY.**  
Only Ritualistic Service Will be Held at Cleveland.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 17.—In accordance with the wishes of the Hanna family it has been decided that no remarks of an eulogistic nature shall be made in St. Paul's church at the funeral services over the remains of Senator Hanna, which will be held Friday and the services will consist only of the ritualistic services of the Episcopal church.

A memorial meeting, however, will be held at the Chamber of Commerce Saturday afternoon when prominent citizens will deliver addresses on the life and work of the deceased statesman.

**MINERS TO PAY TRIBUTE.**  
To Hanna by Ceasing Work Friday Noon.

Indianapolis, Feb. 17.—Officials of the United Mine Workers today issued notice to members to cease work Friday noon as a tribute to the memory of the late Senator Hanna.

**PERSONAL CALL.**  
On Mrs. Hanna and Family Made by President.

Washington, Feb. 17.—President Roosevelt called on Mrs. Hanna at 4 o'clock this afternoon to pay his respects and to offer his condolences. He remained in the family apartments nearly an hour conversing with Mrs. Hanna and other members of the family. While there he was shown the casts of the death mask made of Senator Hanna. He agreed with members of the Hanna family that the likeness was notably fine.

**PEORIA HAS A FIERCE FIRE.**  
Distillery Feed House of the Great Western Paper Destroyed by Fire. Men Are Having Hard Fight.

Peoria, Feb. 17.—Special to Herald.—The feed house of the Great Western Distillery was totally destroyed by fire this morning with a loss of \$75,000. The house is not operated during the night and after the firemen started the flames, which are presumed to have started from spontaneous combustion and sent in the alarm. The fire spread rapidly. It has destroyed several large stacks of hay to the west and burned the old Manhattan distillery building.

**ALBANIANS IN REVOLT.**  
Ottoman Troops Worsted in a Fierce Engagement.

Constantinople, Feb. 17.—Sixteen thousand Albanians are in revolt in the district of Diakova against the reform plans of the powers for Macedonia and obnoxious taxes. In the conflicts which have taken place between the Albanians and Ottoman troops the latter were worsted. Large reinforcements have been dispatched to Diakova. The Albanians attacked the town of Diakova Feb. 13th and plundered and burned a number of houses.

**Will Hold Off Revolt.**  
Vienna, Feb. 17.—It is reported in revolutionary circles that the Macedonian committee have decided not to precipitate a Macedonian revolt before April 15, while awaiting the outcome of the reform scheme.

**Russia Serves Notice.**  
London, Feb. 17.—A dispatch received here from Sofia says Russia has officially notified the Bulgarian government that any encouragement given by Bulgaria for a renewal of the insurrection in Macedonia will be regarded as an act of hostility which will be promptly and forcibly resisted.

**Invalid.**  
Springfield, Ill., Feb. 17.—Special to the Herald.—In a decision today the supreme court invalidated the law which provided for the payment of wages in lawful money, prohibited the truck system, and prevents deduction from wages except for money advanced.

**Swamped By Ice.**  
Laurel, N. J., Feb. 17.—Captain Ezekiel Jones, his son Willard, and two unknown dredgers were drowned today by the swamping of their boat by an ice floe.

**A PRACTICAL JOKER.**  
Killed While Trying to Scare Negro By Playing Burglar.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 17.—The coroner's jury which investigated the killing of Fred Watson by David Parker, returned a verdict, placing the responsibility for Watson's death on Parker, but recommending that the grand jury exercise clemency in its indictment against Parker. Parker is a negro and was employed as a hostler by Watson's father. Fred Watson and his brother entered the barn early Sunday morning with the intention, it is said, of frightening the negro by making believe they were burglars. The negro in defending himself struck Watson on the head with a piece of gas pipe killing him instantly.

**OLDEST ODD FELLOW.**  
Has Just Died Again, This Time in Iowa.

Iowa City, Ia., Feb. 17.—John Norwood Clark, aged ninety, the longest continuous member of the Odd Fellows that any other person is, died. He joined the order at Baltimore in 1837.

**A CLEVER DEVICE.**  
Owners of the Patents Make a Proposition to Local Factory in This City.

**THEY DO NOT ASK FOR A BONUS.**  
Chamber of Commerce Will Consider the Proposition Made.

Yesterday a committee from the Chamber of Commerce met F. H. Farnham of Pittsburgh and John R. Long of Akron, Ohio. The latter is the inventor of a number of mechanical devices, the latest being a vise and Mr. Farnham is interested with him in the business.

Quite by accident they came to Decatur to make a proposition of terms on which they would locate in this city a factory for the manufacture of the vise. That was not their business in this section. At Pana a few days ago they met Charles Stratton of Decatur. He and Mr. Farnham were personal friends and at the invitation of Mr. Stratton they came here to see if the Chamber of Commerce would make a proposition or consider one.

Last night, before leaving for their homes in the east, Mr. Farnham said: "We were in the west on other business and had no thought of asking for anything in the way of a location. We have had a number of propositions on that line but at present are put on other business. We came here on the invitation of Mr. Stratton and this afternoon submitted a proposition to a committee of the Chamber of Commerce. We do not ask for a bonus or for any other take stock. Perhaps it would not be best for me to go into details as to the proposition that we have submitted except to say that we ask that a bond issue of a reasonable sum be floated. The issue to be secured by a first mortgage on the entire plant. We do not want to move into any old buildings, but would erect buildings after our own designs. We would employ from fifty to two hundred and fifty men. We would start with fifty men. We would not be new to me for I have been here on business many times in the last few years. When we do locate, if not in Decatur, it will be outside of the great cities. We would not locate in a city of the size of Decatur. We had many offers from cities in Kansas, Missouri and Iowa, but did not consider any of them, because we must be east of the Mississippi river for the big trade is in the east. If we started here with fifty men we would bring perhaps twelve expert machinists in addition to the molders that would be employed in the foundry. All the labor necessary to a certain extent must be skilled."

When one mentions a vise, unless he has seen the tool devised by Inventor Long, he figures a mental picture of a roughly made pair of heavy jaws, with absolutely no claim to a symmetrical appearance.

But that is not a correct picture of the device presented by the visitors here. Ordinarily too, a vise is stationary, guarded by a bench which supports it. In that respect the Long vise is a departure from the accepted idea and in that its value, or one of its valuable points. The tool may be revolved and the jaws may be turned to the right or left at every angle desired. The motion which tightens the jaws instantly locks the rotation of the tool and likewise prevents motion either to the right or the left from whatever angle the tool may be at the time.

Several models and a number of working tools were shown. Some of them combined two tools, a pipe vise being included. That is quite as wonderful as the straight jawed vise, which the Chamber of Commerce had all of the expert machinists of the city examine the tool and every one of them pronounced it the finest thing that they had ever seen or heard of. The only criticism offered was that it was so strong that it would not be broken by the workmen who would be using it and for that reason the manufacturer would be working against themselves.

Speaking of the tool Mr. Farnham said: "The patents were issued late in 1903 and in addition to being fully protected in the United States, are protected in eight foreign countries. We have seen it tested in the most rigorous way to prove its strength and it is not lacking in that respect. That was one of the points that has been a great guarded secret. We know from experience that this vise of one hundred pounds weight will break an ordinary vise of one hundred and thirty pounds weight. That is one of the things that will appeal to a man who is buying. It is not cumbersome in order to get the desired strength. The field for this tool is almost unlimited. There are annually sold in the United States over 250,000 vises of the ordinary kind. We can get a big share of that business because if necessary we can compete with the old fashioned cumbersome things at their own price, but this is such a decided improvement over anything that is now on the market that we believe the average man would be willing to pay a little more because of the advantages offered."

The proposition submitted to the Chamber of Commerce will be presented to the directors at their meeting on Friday night. The indications so far are that a good thing is about to fall into the lap of Decatur.

**PNEUMONIA HITS CHICAGO.**  
The Hospitals Crowded—Unable to Handle Additional Patients.

Chicago, Feb. 17.—Pneumonia, influenza and bronchitis are keeping Chicago physicians busy. Nearly every hospital in the city has one or more cases of pneumonia while the less serious diseases are even more prevalent. Added to these are the far greater number of cases treated at homes, making the list of sufferers a long one. The situation is complicated by the fact that nearly every one of Chicago's big hospitals is filled and unable to take any more patients.

A county hospital there are 644 patients, leaving but one vacant bed. Conditions are similar in the other large hospitals.

Of the 641 deaths reported last week by the health department report 175 were from pneumonia, while 27 were from cases of bronchitis and influenza.

**BASIS OF UNION.**  
About Reached by Frequenters and Cumberland Presbyterians.

St. Louis, Feb. 17.—Committees representing the Presbyterians and Cumberland Presbyterians met here today to discuss the basis of union.

Miss Mary Dobson of Lincoln was a delegate.



SHOWING TO DATE THE MARKETS

Governor Yates and Friends Claim 90 Delegates of the Number Selected.

LOWDEN IS SECOND IN RACE.

Rose's Ill Health Compels Temporary Abandonment of Campaign.

Up to date nineteen counties in Illinois have held republican conventions and selected delegates to the state convention. These counties are: Carroll, Franklin, Grundy, Jefferson, Lee, Livingston, Logan, Madison, Menard, Morgan, Moultrie, Ogle, Peoria, Perry, Pope, Saline, Shelby, Will, Williamson.

The aggregate number of state delegates from these nineteen counties is 194. They are divided as follows:

Carroll	9
Grundy	9
Logan	9
Morgan	9
Williamson	9
Will	9
Peoria	22
Ole	13
Lee	13
Perry	6
Peoria	5
For Lowden	13
McDonough	10
McDonough	4
For Hamlin	14
Moultrie	4
Shelby	8
Saline	6
Pope	5
For Warner	4

FINLEY BARRELL LETTER. By Tyler, Harney & Co., 114 East William Street, Chicago, Feb. 18.—WHEAT—Strong cables, higher cash prices, a broad trade, and the continued world-wide nervousness over the war situation have contributed to a strong wheat market. The market has reached a new high level—the May 99c and to the July 91c. Liverpool closed 3d to 1d higher. London 4d to 1d higher. Paris 4 centime to 1 centime higher, and all the other continental markets higher. The No. 2 red has been taken here by millers at 1.07 and they have paid \$1.05 for No. 3. From every direction, west and east, there have been evidences of cash wheat strength. There were quite general sales this morning. Clearances 134,000 bu. Northwest cars 280 vs. 166. It is a big market. Routine news does not count. Seaboard reported 25 loads.

CORN—There has been a firm corn market and it has been rather devoid of feature. The crowd has been bullish, the commission houses have not been conspicuous—about as much selling as buying. There was some buying early by the provision people. Wells 20c. The market for the winter wheat has been rather steady. There was more May on the market at 56c than was wanted. Harris-Gates took May. There was July corn taken against May sales. Receipts were 223,000 bu. The market for the winter wheat has been rather steady. There was more May on the market at 56c than was wanted. Harris-Gates took May. There was July corn taken against May sales. Receipts were 223,000 bu.

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ROSE TEMPORARILY QUILTS. On Account of Physical Condition He Must Discontinue Activity.

Secretary of State James A. Rose has been compelled to temporarily abandon his campaign for the republican nomination for governor. On account of his physical condition Mr. Rose's physician insists that he immediately discontinue the activity in which he has engaged since declaring his candidacy for gubernatorial honors, fearing that further exertions might be attended with serious consequences.

SLUSHER LOSES CASE. Sued for Doctor Bill But Defendant Got the Verdict.

Although he did not appear in person Dr. B. F. Slusher was plaintiff in a suit for \$1000 in justice court Thursday. The defendant was a man named Gabriel who lives at Macon. The case was tried before a jury. Attorney O. C. Adams appeared for Dr. Slusher. The suit was to recover \$37 alleged to be due on a bill. It was alleged that Gabriel had been treated for a year and he admitted that he had only paid for one month's treatment. It was alleged that he had been benefited by the treatment but the defendant claimed that he was not cured and the jury returned a verdict finding for the defendant.

DEEDS RECORDED. The business of recording deeds has been slow. During the past two days only one deed was filed for record. That one was handled in at the circuit clerk's office. The following deeds were recorded as follows:

Little M. Pickle to Ellen Noe lot 5 in block 2 of Montgomery & Shull's second addition to Decatur; \$1000.

MARRIAGE LICENSES. David Wilson, Latham, Legal. Bertha L. Martin, Latham, Legal. Andrew Jameson, near Cisco, Legal. Louella Coffman, near Cisco, Legal.

FOR CORONER. Jos H. Dawson the Last to Enter the Field for a Nomination.

In another column will be found the announcement of Joseph H. Dawson for the republican nomination for coroner. Mr. Dawson has inaugurated an active campaign for the office and is going to stay in the fight to the last and with his friends believe that he has a good chance of landing the coveted prize. He has resided in Decatur for a number of years and during that time has been a prominent citizen and is depending on his friends to come to his assistance in his race.

Dr. Appleman Comes here to treat the sick. He has clearly demonstrated that he understands fully the diseases he makes a specialty, and can treat them successfully. After years he has made regular visits to our city each four weeks, never having missed an appointment. His consultation is free. One who consult him in confidence at

POULTRY, LIVE WEIGHT.

Hens	10c
Spring	10c
Stags	7c
Roosters	7c
Turkeys, old	15c
Turkeys, young	15c
Ducks	15c
Geese	15c
Eggs (for Friday only)	24c

GRAIN.

Corn	38c to 39c
Wheat	40c to 41c
Oats	35c to 37c
Rye	45c to 46c

BUTCHER STOCK.

Hogs per 100 lbs.	\$4.50 to \$4.85
Calves	4.00 to 4.50
Shipping cattle	4.00 to 4.50
Cows	3.00 to 3.25
Heifers	3.00 to 3.50
Butcher steers	3.50 to 4.00
Sheep	2.00 to 3.50
Lambs	4.00 to 4.50

PAID BY GROCERS.

Butter, tub	30c
Butter, creamery	30c
Butter, country	25c
Lard	12c
Eggs, cold storage	40c
Eggs, country	40c

FEED.

Timothy hay, per ton	\$12.00 to \$14.00
Oats straw per ton	5.00 to 6.00

FRUITS—WHOLESALE.

Oranges, California navel, size 12-20	\$3.00
Oranges, California navel, size 9-12	2.30
Bananas, per box	3.00
Lemons, California, 300 size	2.50
Melons, 300 size	4.00
Cabbage, per bushel	\$2.50 to \$2.75
Apples, New York, per bbl.	\$3.50 to \$4.25
Illinois apples, per bbl.	\$2.50 to \$2.80
Onions, per bushel	\$1.00
Spanish onions, crate	\$1.10
Sweet potatoes, bbl.	\$3.00
Irish potatoes, bushel	\$1.10
Celery, Michigan, doz.	.45c
Celery, California, doz.	.75c to .90c
Malaga grapes, bbl.	\$4.50 to \$5.00
Cranberries, bbl.	\$5.00 to \$10.00

NEARBY TOWNS.

WARRENSBURG. William Brown left for Chicago Tuesday morning on a business trip. Mrs. William Brown went to Crawfordsville, Ind., Tuesday to visit friends.

John A. Conely has been quite indisposed the past few days. The rural mail carrier will not deliver mail on their respective routes on the 22d of February, it being Washington's birthday.

P. Aydelot and son, Harold of Assumption were in Warrensburg on a business visit with his sisters, Mrs. E. A. Hayden and Miss M. H. Aydelot, on Tuesday.

Mrs. W. Phillips has not been so well for a few days. She has been troubled with light chills. Mrs. Mary G. Thompson went to Champaign on Wednesday to attend the funeral of an old friend, Mrs. Waldo.

Carrie White, who is attending school at Champaign, came home sick with a cold Wednesday afternoon. Wednesday was one of the most disagreeable days we have had this winter.

There will be a good time at the regular meeting of the Odd Fellows at their hall in Warrensburg on Tuesday evening, Feb. 23d. Having invited the degree staffs of Macon and Forsyth over to exemplify the work. There will be candidates for several degrees. After the work is completed the Warrensburg lodge will tender the visiting members a grand banquet.

E. C. Tozer returned from Springfield, where he had been on business on Wednesday afternoon. E. F. Funk was taken to Decatur by an officer on Tuesday to answer before the county court charges preferred against him for selling intoxicating liquors without license. His trial was set for 19c.

George Hays is at present in Peoria. As his contract as manager of the cannery factory expires in March, he may go to Peoria and engage in business.

The dancing club held its usual weekly dance in Meyer's hall on Thursday night, Feb. 17.

PAIRIE HOME. E. Pelton returned from Fullerton, Cal., accompanied by his grandson, Luther Pelton, who expects to spend the summer here.

The roads are getting in good condition. Corn shellers are kept busy this season. There is a large amount of corn being delivered.

James Carroll and family visited J. A. Swain's Sunday.

Mrs. E. S. Pelton visited in Mowena county Tuesday.

A. L. Cox purchased a driving horse Saturday.

William Taylor is still alive, but is very sick.

AUSTIN. George and Harry Roney were Decatur visitors last Friday.

Miss Nora Walton visited Miss Racie Parker from Friday of last week until Sunday evening.

E. B. Denise and family spent Sunday at W. H. Parker's.

H. E. and Raymond Peverly and Miss Maude Tinkler visited Mr. and Mrs. James Watkins near Beardsdale Tuesday.

ARE OVERHAULING TANGNEY SINGED

Numerous Changes Will Be Made At the Court House By the Supervisors.

THE JAIL ANNEX ABOUT DONE.

Members of the County Board Will Have New Room.

Improvements at the court house will be coming thick and fast during the next week. The work laid out in the public building committee of the board of supervisors will be put into execution at once.

At the Jail. The work on the county jail is nearly completed. There are yet a few odd jobs to be done. The iron work in the old part of the jail is to be painted. The grating in the new part are painted white but the old iron work will be given a coat of black paint.

The porch in front of the sheriff's residence will be painted and some iron work trimmings are not to be put on. There is a skylight in the new jail as soon as the weather will permit and some other little things to be done.

Court Room Windows. An important improvement is to be made in the circuit court room. The windows are to be supplied with inside shutters or blinds. For several years past folding wooden screens have been at the court room windows and in other parts of the court house. They proved to be more of a nuisance than anything else as they were always out of repair and made much noise when raised or lowered. The wooden shutters will be put up Saturday and will be varnished Monday. This work will be rushed so as not to interfere with the holding of court.

Supervisors' Room. The new room for the board of supervisors will be put in shape next week. The room on the east side of the building and on the third floor formerly occupied by the county treasurer will be taken over by the board for the board. There is an arch and partition but this is to be taken out and the supervisors will have a pleasant large well lighted room. The chairs and desks will be taken from the old meeting room on the east side of the building which has been too small. This room will be used for a time by those who are working on the tract index system.

Other Changes. The two small rooms adjoining the treasurer's office will be used by the assessor and the board of review. The latter body can use the supervisors' room when they want to hold meetings for tax payers. The change of the county treasurer's office to the lower floor has proved to be a convenience and will be more so when the time of tax paying comes around. It is much more handy for the tax payers.

Heavy wire screens or gratings are to be put on the outside of the windows in the treasurer's office as a protection so that the windows will be left open in the summer time and the desks not bothered by sneak thieves or curious people who may be passing. The desks are arranged close to the windows so that some protection will be necessary in the summer time or the windows cannot be left open.

HIS WILLINGNESS TO BE FAIR. Did Not Touch a Responsive Chord in the Breast of Adams.

In one of the justice courts yesterday there was a suit of a civil nature, an effort to collect a sum of money alleged to be due Dr. Slusher. O. C. Adams was prosecuting and Dr. Slusher was defending. Naturally the plaintiff was absent and in his place a verdict should be returned accordingly. Adams referred to the fact that Dr. Slusher was absent and therefore could not testify for his own behalf. At that point Attorney Boggess interrupted and said, "To prove to you, Mr. Adams, and to the jury, that we do not wish to take any unfair advantage of you because of the absence of Dr. Slusher, I will say that we will consent to a continuance of this cause until you have opportunity to take the deposition of Dr. Slusher." Adams did not think that a very good joke and the jury gave a verdict for the defendant.

A BIG CROWD IS COMING. Secretary Hostetter of Illinois Farmers' Institute Anticipates Record-Breaking Meeting Next Week.

Secretary A. B. Hostetter of the Illinois Farmers' Institute, accompanied by J. B. Burrows of this city, came to Decatur Tuesday evening. They had been to Bloomington where they had been to attend the meeting of the Devitt county Farmers' Institute and to incidentally boom the state meeting in Decatur next week. Mr. Hostetter last night for Springfield and returned to Decatur Monday afternoon to remain until after the meeting here. He stated that the farmers of Devitt had a very successful meeting. Concerning the Decatur meeting he has the opinion that it would attract an unusually large attendance. He said that he had looked into the local arrangements and was very well satisfied with them and thought that they would be adequate to meet the requirements. During the past few weeks Mr. Hostetter has been traveling over the state attending local institutes in the interest of the state gathering and he has found that there is a greater interest this year than ever before.

The state meeting is going to surpass all other attempts in this line for the reason that more attention is to be given to special work. There will be five district classes every day—corn, clover, domestic animals, horticulture, live stock and poultry and dairy class. This last and the poultry are entirely new features in connection with the state institute. Each of these classes will be led by a competent instructor. Addresses will be given and there will be opportunities for those attending to discuss and ask questions. It is thought that these classes will be of great benefit to the farmers.

The coming institute has been widely advertised throughout the state by the press and the chances are that Decatur people will have all they can do in caring for the visitors.

Mrs. A. D. Brewer entertained the Devitt Farmers' Institute at her home last Wednesday afternoon.

SICK PEOPLE ARE NUMEROUS

Tonsillitis and Grip Most Prevalent and Physicians Look For An Increase.

SOME OF THE UNFORTUNATE.

At present there is a great deal of sickness about the city and one of the prominent physicians said yesterday that he thought that there would be a great deal more before a very long time. The weather is in a great measure to blame for the illness.

Tonsillitis and la grippe seem to be the diseases most prevalent. There are perhaps fifty people in the city ill with these diseases. Of late there has been a great deal of appendicitis and bronchitis but la grippe and tonsillitis are in the lead.

Among those who are ill or who are recovering from an illness are the following:

Mrs. Lynch of North Jasper street is confined at her home on account of the grip.

Mrs. N. J. Carder who is visiting with Mrs. Judson on West Eldorado street has the grip.

The little child of Mr. Diebold of 714 West Decatur street is recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia.

Miss Dollie Farmer is ill at her home on North Main street.

Miss Bertha Hemminger is ill with pleurisy.

Mrs. Ed Koshenska is ill at her home on East Eldorado street.

Infant Gregory is on the sick list. George Danner of Mt. Pulaski has returned to St. Mary's hospital for treatment.

J. E. Merrell is ill with the measles.

Mrs. M. E. Dillehall of West William street who has been ill is recovering.

Mrs. DeWitt C. Buck is ill with tonsillitis at her home on North Water street.

Mrs. John S. Childs of West Prairie street is ill.

William Walker a section foreman at Venice is ill at the hospital with laryngitis.

O. Warfield an operator of this city is ill with the grip.

Ellis Harris, an operator of Decatur who has been confined at the hospital with the grip will be able to go home in a few days.

Verdict of Coroner's Jury in the Pechin Case.

Coroner Dawson held an inquest Thursday afternoon over the body of the late Edward Pechin, the man who died in the county jail early Thursday morning. The jury decided that Pechin came to his death as a result of delirium tremens.

Pechin was a blacksmith and at one time was a good worker but he had lately fallen excessively. When he came to police headquarters Wednesday afternoon he was in a delirious tremors and he had been put in the county jail so that the other prisoners could look after him. He has a wife and one child and his parents live in Indiana. A telegram was sent to the mother and father and they are stating that they would come to Decatur as soon as possible. The arrangements for the funeral will not be made until they arrive.

MAYOR OF WINDSOR RESIGNS. R. M. Tull, mayor of Windsor, caused somewhat of a surprise to the residents of that town Tuesday evening, when at a special meeting of the council he tendered his resignation as mayor.

The resignation was accepted and the council immediately elected John T. Hythe mayor pro tem for the balance of the municipal year.

It is thought that Mayor Tull resigned in order that he may make the race for a position on the township or county ticket.

Closed Monday—On account of Monday being Washington's birthday the public library will be closed.

Scarlet Fever—A case of scarlet fever has been reported in the family of George Adams residing at 405 East Bradford street.

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FARMERS COLUMN

FOR RENT—Improved Christian county farm, also two others. V. H. Gibson, Granite City, Ill.—19-22t.

FOR RENT—30 acres of land within 1/2 mile of the city. Inquire of J. C. Hostetter, 125 N. Water—16-22t.

WHEN YOU ARE IN DECATUR and want the largest and best cooked meal to be found, call on us and we will feel like you are at home, come to Singleton's restaurant, west side Lincoln square—16-22t.

FAMILY GROUPS a specialty at the East End Gallery, 1079 E. Eldorado. Sunday hours 1 to 4. Dark days all right for sittings. Good work at moderate prices. Premiums—14-22t.

FOR SALE—150 acres of fine black land with fair improvements 1 mile to market, fenced for one-half delivered. Can get to farm from Decatur in an hour. Laughlin & Cloud, Decatur, Ill.—14-22t.

A FARM FOR SALE—62 acres 2 miles north of Mt. Zion, good 5 room house, a good well of water, all necessary outbuildings, good orchard and a young orchard set out two years ago. Many of blackberries, straw berries and raspberries, will sell cheap for cash and will pay a reasonable rent for this year if sold in the next 90 days. Telephone house. B. F. Wallington—13w-2t.

FOR SALE—Seventy-nine acres, 11 miles from court house, Mt. Vernon, Ill., all in cultivation and pasture, 16 acres young bearing orchard, best variety, good 5-room house, abundant water, good barn, 40x60, machinery shed, 30x15; corn crib; chicken house and outbuildings; lays well; price \$60 per acre; time payments if desired. Address or call on Fred Watson, owner, Mt. Vernon, Ill. Immediate possession—4-22w.

BETTER THAN GOING WEST—Snap for 20 days in Illinois black land, 1200 acres, in Cass county, near Hopkins, all first class black land, well fenced and diked, large buildings, 365 per acre. Also a tract in Newton on the Monon railway. Pleasantly situated, 1000 acres, fine timber and fine water, only \$25 per acre. W. A. Hinkle, Decatur, Ill.—3-22t.

WANTED—Everybody to buy a meal ticket of B. T. Myers' restaurant, 125 N. Water, Ill. 22c each.

IN MURDER TRIAL OF WIFE. Body of John Lewis Exhumed and Head Severed To Be Used As Evidence.

Oskaloosa, Ia., Feb. 18.—The body of John Lewis was exhumed at Fremont today and the head taken to Bismarck to be used as an exhibit in the trial of Mrs. Belle Lewis charged with the murder of her husband. The state introduced witnesses today tending to prove Mrs. Lewis was often seen in company with Ira Glasford, the man charged with the murder, just prior to Lewis' death. She told the jury she had given her husband a dose of liniment preparation containing poison.

DIPHTHERIA AND TYPHOID. Likely To Cause the Closing of the Minneapolis University.

Minneapolis, Feb. 18.—If the epidemic of diphtheria and typhoid continue the state university will close for the balance of the year. An epidemic ravaging that which swept over Cornell University last year is feared. Two members of the faculty are ill. Many of the members of the Gopher team is afflicted with diphtheria and typhoid.

In one boarding house twelve cases of diphtheria were reported.

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